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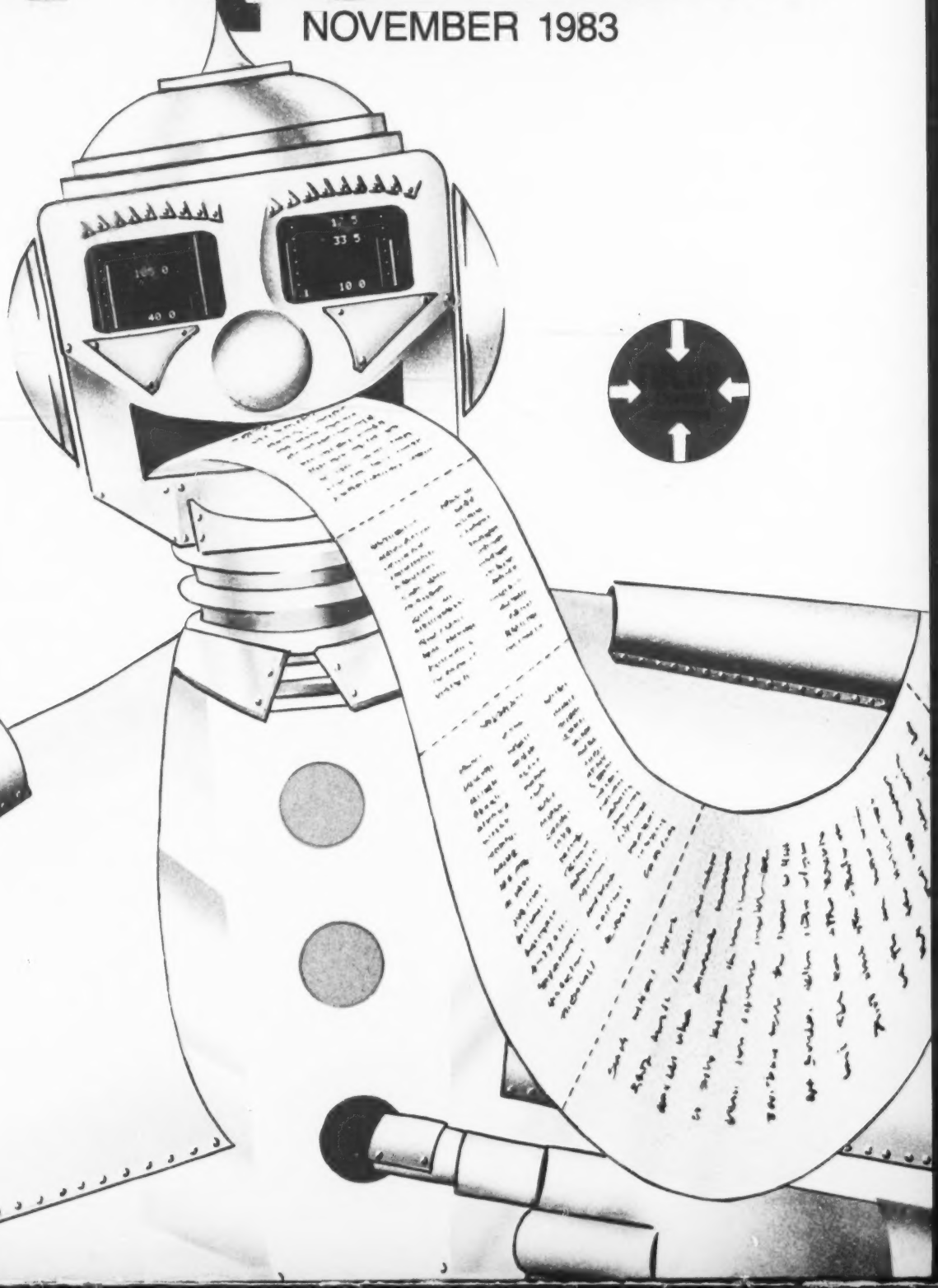

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NCSA, NLI approve consolidation plan

Executive committees representing NCSA and NLI approved a merger plan October 17; a special joint committee recommended adoption at the early 1984 meetings of both groups. If approved, consolidation would become effective no later than January 1, 1985.

ITC rejects antidumping petition

The United States International Trade Commission has determined that the domestic portland hydraulic cement industry is not being injured by cement imports from Australia and Japan. The decisions mean that the government will dismiss charges that foreign cement sold in California and Nevada at unfairly low prices violates the antidumping act.

The Commerce Department had ruled that portland hydraulic cement from Australia and Japan is being sold in the United States at unfairly low prices. An investigation revealed that Australian cement sold in the U.S. would have to be increased 136% to match the price in the home market; Japanese cement would have to be raised 37%, the department reported.

The investigation had been prompted by a petition from six cement companies and the AFL-CIO.

Dust emissions standards proposed by EPA

After 5 years of intense negotiation between an industry task force and the Environmental Protection Agency, new source performance standards (NSPS) setting limits for dust emissions have been proposed by the federal agency.

Development of the standards resulted from a campaign waged by the inter-industry NSPS Task Group, consisting of members from these organizations: National Sand and Gravel Association; National Crushed Stone Association; National Limestone Institute; National Industrial Sand Association; National Lime Association; Associated General Contractors of America; Colorado Rock Products Association; Ohio Aggregates Association; and the Southern California Rock Products Association.

Chaired by Michael J. Hart, Flatiron Sand and Gravel Co., Boulder, Colo., the task force successfully steered EPA away from potentially oppressive and costly measures that, in draft form, called for 0% opacity and "no visible emissions" requiring baghouses in many situations.

The proposed standards specify emission limits that must be met, but do not dictate what type of control equipment or technique must be used. The EPA has decided to designate wet dust suppression, as well as baghouses, as best demonstrated technology.

The pieces of equipment to which the standards proposed would apply are: crushers, grinding mills, screening operations, bucket elevators, belt conveyors, bagging operations, storage bins, and enclosed truck or railcar loading stations. Specifically excluded are emissions from haul roads, stockpiles, drilling, blasting, loading at a mine, and conveying (other than transfer points).

Stationary plants with capacities of 25 tph or less and portable plants with capacities of 150 tph or less are exempt from proposed standards.

Comments on the proposals from the public must be submitted by November 14, 1983, to: Central Docket Section (A-130), atttention: Docket No. QAPS-78-11, U.S. Environment Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

IFC to help finance Colombian cement plant

The International Finance Corp. has signed agreements under which IFC will provide loan and equity funds to Cementos Rioclaro S.A., for the construction of a $102 million cement plant in

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Nonresidential building	$ 40,749.6	$ 41,314.5	− 1
Residential building	62,242.9	36,867.1	+69
Nonbuilding construction	26,848.9	24,697.1	+ 9
Total construction	$129,841.4	$102,878,7	+26

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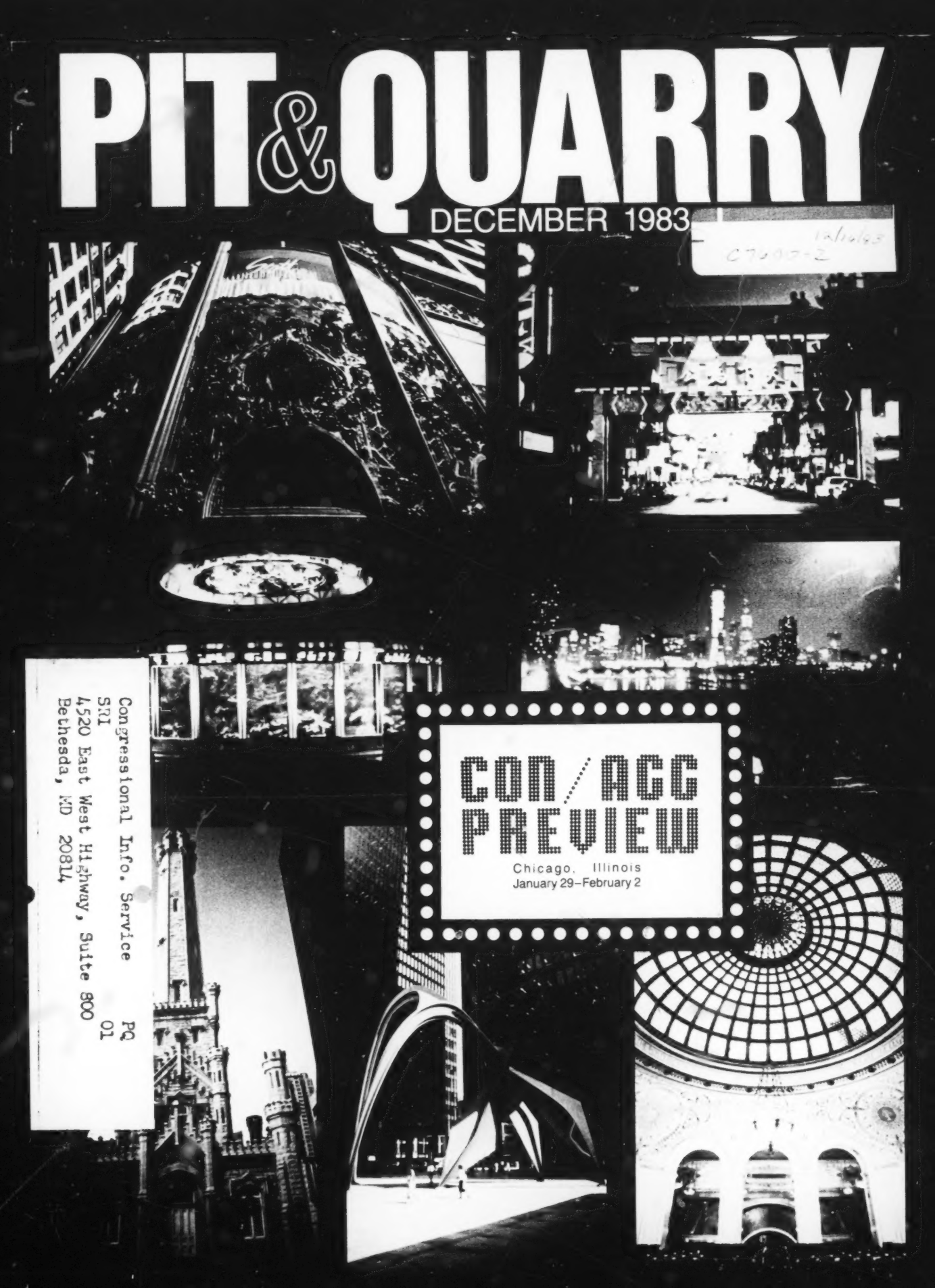

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Nonbuilding construction	30,077.0	28,098.2	+ 7
Total construction	$147,054.3	$116,700.3	+26

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Government underfunding hurting public works

Speaking before a panel of mayors investigating infrastructure decay, Doug Pitcock, senior vice president of the Associated General Contractors of America, said the $56 billion invested annually by all levels of government will fall $2 trillion short of the $3.03 trillion minimum required to rebuild over the next 19 years.

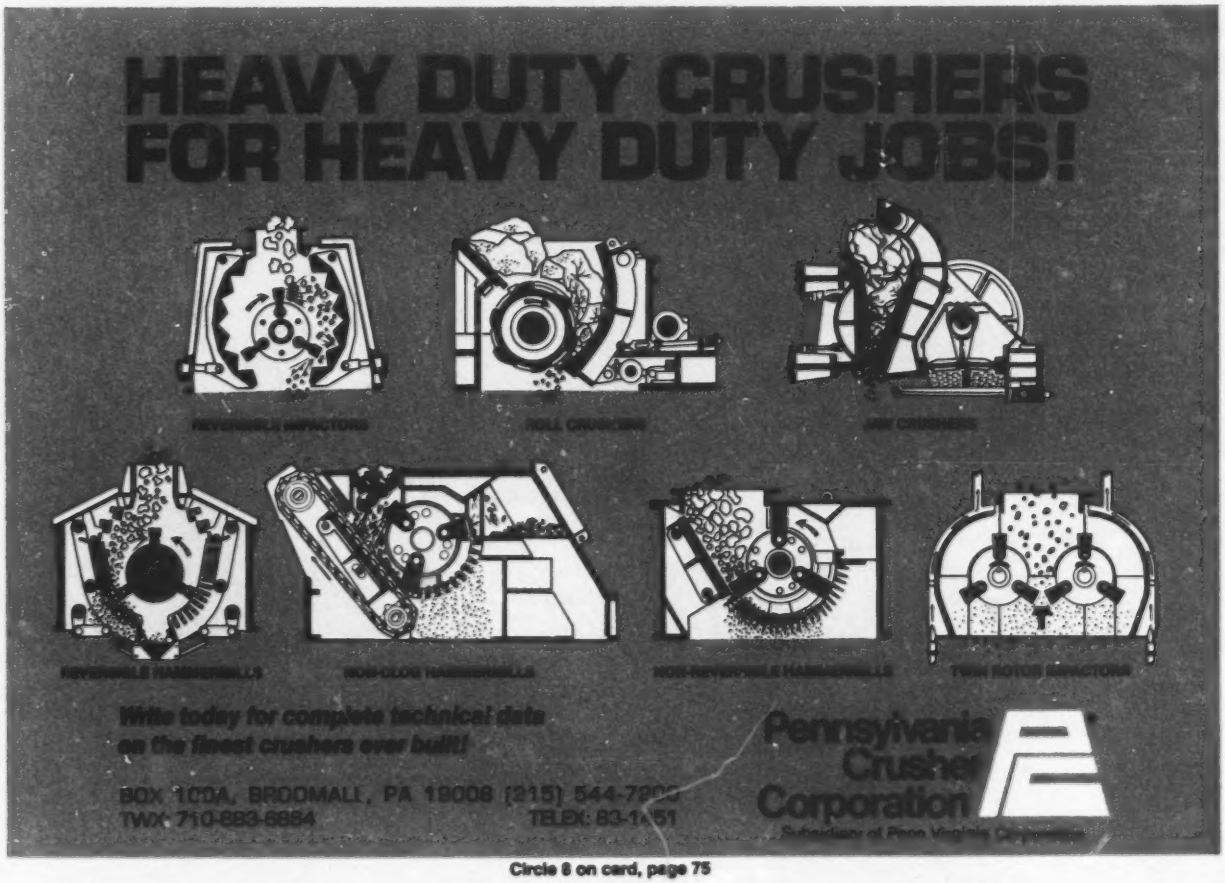
Pitcock also said that, since 1965, the percentage of the gross national product devoted to spending on public works by all government levels has dropped by 44%. The AGC is lobbying for a realignment of funding priorities toward essential capital investment and away from social services. Pitcock told the panel that for each $1 billion spent on construction, 63,000 jobs are created, and that construction spending increases benefit 38 separate industries, according to a U.S. Bureau of Industrial Economics report.

Indian cement company orders major process equipment

The Cement Corporation of India, New Delhi, has given a contract valued at $8.5 million to Fuller International Inc., for major process equipment to help the firm's Neemuch facility expand by 1 million mtpy. The new dry process line will include flash calcining technology similar to that working successfully at other Fuller-built plants in India. Major equipment includes an SF-141 preheater with flash calciner; a rotary kiln 15 × 220 ft. long; an LM 43.40 Fuller Loesche roller mill for raw material grinding; a semi-direct fired coal grinding system using an LM 21-20 Fuller Loesche coal mill; and a 231-sq. ft. grate cooler.

IFC to loan $25 million to Indonesian cement firm

The International Finance Corp. is lending $25 million to help finance an approximately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